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Hija, Keels,

Got your two letters of July 25th today - so now when this gets to you, you will have had about the quickest round trip available! - Also got a letter from Melba a couple of days ago. What is this - in Melba's first letter she said, "Thank goodness Charles will be home tomorrow" - and with others she was telling what a time she had getting him to do something! - Make up your mind! - Melba - you preferred Brother being picked on - but if I could see him! - What's the matter, is his waist line still improving? He should be over here with me - I'm losing the bit I've never been able to before - and damn if the last 2 pairs of trousers I bought weren't 2 inches smaller in the waist than was my custom too long! - I eat a lot of what you get - but, well - guess I can attribute it to living in a hot box - I'm forever getting the rear of a turkey bath! - As long as I feel good tho - I'm glad of it cause I had it too long.

We went out working today - doing what you said do to that corner of Sicily! This evening on our way back from the autograph our camp we are loading - don't know yet we are going - but there will be no doubt that we've been there after we leave our calling cards!

You were right about my birthday - no ice cream but a minor celebration!  
Write often & love.  
Love, Frank

V---MAIL

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